

FACT SHEET: **WIND PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT**

On Dec. 31, a vital tax credit for the windy energy industry – The Production Tax Credit – expires, with thousands of jobs around the United States in jeopardy. Ohio, alone, is home to more than 50 manufacturers that build components for the wind energy industry, supporting 5,000 direct and indirect jobs. It was the fastest growing state for new installations in 2011.

WHAT IT IS

The Production Tax Credit, established in 1992, provides a 2.1 cent per kilowatt-hour benefit for the first ten years of a renewable energy facility's operation. Wind project developers can choose to instead receive a 30 percent investment tax credit.

Ways and Means Committee Democrats have introduced legislation, the Wind Powering American Jobs Act, to extend the PTC through 2013. House Republicans have yet to act.

WHY IT MATTERS

The PTC has helped lead to remarkable growth in the windy energy industry in recent decades.

- In the last five years alone, the wind energy industry has scaled up domestic manufacturing from 25 percent to 60 percent. Nearly 500 facilities in 44 states manufacture for the wind energy industry, according to the American Wind Energy Association.
- The wind industry has attracted more than \$15 billion annually in private investment to the U.S. in each of the last five years, according to the American Wind Energy Association.
- By January 2013, 37,000 jobs are expected to be lost if the PTC is not extended. (Source: Navigant Consulting)

STATE-BY-STATE IMPACT

A look at just a few of the many states with thousands of jobs at stake:

- **Ohio** was the fastest growing state for new installations in 2011, with more than 50 companies manufacturing components for the wind energy industry, according to the American Wind Energy Association.
- **Iowa** has the second most installed wind capacity of any state, with wind farms there powering the equivalent of more than 1,100,000 homes.
- **Michigan** is home to 31 manufacturing companies that produce components for the wind energy industry, producing thousands of jobs in the state.
- A comprehensive list of state-by-state fact sheets can be found [here](#).